

Lines for call with Premier Ford

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- * This crisis is deeply impacting the Ontario and Canadian economies. You know that the illegal blockades in Windsor and elsewhere are shutting auto plants, impacting essential supplies. You know that this is hurting businesses, it is hurting jobs, it is hurting Ontario families.
- * Resolving it requires both of our governments working together, as well as working with local authorities.
- * These illegal actions are happening on the highways and the streets of Ontario cities that approach the border crossings.
- * We need you at the table to help us resolve this challenge. There are the policing responses. But there other tools that Ontario has – take provincial transportation regulations, for example, commercial vehicle operator registrations, roadside safety inspections and other enforcement policies that can be used to reinforce that this is illegal activity that will lead to consequences.
- * These are within the authority of the province: its law enforcement and regulatory programs.
- * We need Ontario at the table working with us to find solutions to combat these illegal activities. We need the provincial Solicitor-General (Minister Jones), and provincial Minister of Transport (Minister Mulroney) and the federal Minister of Transport (Minister Alghabra) and the federal Minister of Public Safety (Minister Mendicino) and senior officials to meet tomorrow.
- * We need to convince those on the blockades that they are hurting Ontario families and communities. We need to work together on a statement that makes clear that unless they leave, they risk suffering enforcement consequences by the local police of jurisdiction and could face multiple charges. The provincial ministry of transport could add that they also risk losing their ability to operate and earn a livelihood through losing provincial operating licences through your regulatory regimes.
- * The United States is making clear that this will remove their ability to enter the United States.
- * We need to put as much teeth as we can behind the need to end the illegal activity behind the blockage.
- * I can tell you that the United States is now paying close attention, as it is also impacting businesses and families in Michigan. Tonight they have called to offer tow trucks, in addition to expressing concern about the situation. They need to know how many trucks and what types are needed. We need the full participation of the province to most effectively respond in a joined up way, and engage as a full partner.

- * We are looking at all of our options, we need you to look at yours and to work with us.

If the Premier says this is federal jurisdiction because of the *International Bridges and Tunnels Act*:

- * The federal government is fully engaged and Transport Canada and CBSA are prepared to use all the tools we have. But this blockage is on the streets of Windsor, Ottawa and other cities and the essential tools to solve it are with the police of local jurisdiction, the Solicitor General of Ontario and the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario. We are at the table and we need you to join us.

If needed:

- * To prevent the gathering of future convoys, Ontario can use safety inspections and other provincial regulatory tools to slow or stall movement. We saw what Premier Legault and the Government of Quebec did to examine and inspect trucks under provincial regimes to create deterrents

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